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SUBJ: UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT PRESENTS DOCUMENTS ON BALUCHISTAN
TO EMBASSY

SUMMARY: UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT DELEGATION HAS CALLED ON
FOREIGN MISSIONS IN ISLAMABAD AND PRESENTED THEM WITH COPIES
OF MESSAGES GIVING UDF POSITION ON BALUCHISTAN. GOP REACTED
INDIGNANTLY TO OPPOSITIONIST'S EFFORTS TO VISIT MISSIONS. END
SUMMARY.

1. TEN-MEMBER DELEGATION REPRESENTING UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT
(UDF), A COMBINED PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION GROUP, CALLED AT
EMBASSY OCTOBER 7 TO PRESENT DOCUMENTS SPELLING OUT OPPOSITION
POSITION ON BALUCHISTAN ISSUE. HIGH-LEVEL GROUP WAS LED BY
NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY LEADER ABDUL WALI KHAN AND INCLUDED
PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS OF MOST OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES.
DELEGATION WAS MET BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR, PASSED DOCUMENTS
TO HIM, VOLUNTEERED THAT THEY DID NOT WISH ANY DISCUSSION,
AND DEPARTED TO CALL ON OTHER MISSIONS ABOUT FIVE MINUTES

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AFTER THEY HAD COME. THEY DID NOT ASK TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR.

2. DOCUMENTS COMPRISED THREE TELEGRAMS UDF ACTION COMMITTEE HAD SENT IN RECENT DAYS TO PAK PRESIDENT CHOUDHRY FAZAL ELAHI, ARMY AND AIR FORCE CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND HASSAN AL TOHAMY, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT. TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT STATES THAT IT IS HIS DUTY TO STOP THE GENOCIDE IN BALUCHISTAN AND TO PERSONALLY INTERVENE TO PREVENT ARMED FORCES FROM IMPLEMENTING THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND UNLAWFUL ORDERS OF THE GOP. THESE, UDF ALLEGES, ENDANGER THE UNITY, SOLIDARITY AND INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN. ACCORDING TO THE TELEGRAM THEY INCLUDE INDISCRIMINATE SHELLING, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, ESTABLISHMENT OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS, AND TORTURE.

3. MESSAGE TO CHIEFS OF STAFF STATES THAT "UDF IS AWARE THAT ARMED SERVICES ARE BOUND TO CARRY OUT ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT BUT THOSE ORDERS MUST BE CONSTITUTIONAL AND LAWFUL. FUTURE GOVERNMENTS WILL DEFINITELY TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION AND WILL HOLD THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING ORDERS WHICH ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND NOT LAWFUL AND THUS ENDANGERING (SIC) THE SOLIDARITY AND INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN."

4. LETTER TO TOHAMY RECALLS HIS CONVERSATION HERE WITH SEVERAL OPPOSITION LEADERS ABOUT BALUCHISTAN SITUATION, ALLEGES GOP ATROCITIES THERE AND SPEAKS OF MUSLIMS BEING KILLED BY MUSLIMS. IT URGES TOHAMY TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES "TO IMPRESS UPON THE GOP TO STOP ITS PRESENT BARBARIC ACTION IN BALUCHISTAN", AND ASKS HIM TO INFORM HEADS OF ALL MUSLIM STATES "OF THIS PAINFUL SITUATION WHICH IS NOW CAUSING A THREAT TO THE SOLIDARITY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN". IN ALL THREE TELEGRAMS(FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED) UDF WARNS OF THE DANGER THAT THE EAST PAKISTAN TRAGEDY IS REPEATING ITSELF.

5. UDF DECISION TO CALL FOREIGN MISSIONS' ATTENTION TO ITS POSITION ON BALUCHISTAN WAS TAKEN AT FRONT'S CENTRAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING LAST WEEK. FRONT SENT LETTERS TO CHIEFS OF MISSION HERE, MENTIONING IN THEM "THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN HAD TAKEN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON A TRIP TO BALUCHISTAN TO ACQUAINT THE MEMBERS WITH THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THAT PROVINCE THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPPOSITION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ALSO FEEL THE NECESSITY OF PRESENTING THE VIEWS OF THE OPPOSITION TO THE EMBASSY WITH A REQUEST THAT THE AMBASSADOR MAY FEEL PLEASED TO COMMUNICATE THE MEMORANDUM TO HIS GOVERNMENT."

6. IN WHAT WE CONSIDER OVER REACTION ON ITS PART, GOP TOOK SHARP LINE AGAINST PROJECTED UDF PLAN. TWO SENIOR CABINET MINISTERS PUBLICLY SPOKE OUT AGAINST IT AS

CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC NORMS AND MFA ADVISED FOREIGN MISSIONS TO DECLINE THE REQUEST OF THE OPPOSITION TO CALL ON THE "ENVOYS". NOTE STATED THAT THE OPPOSITINISTS "MAY BE INFORMED THAT THE ENVOYS ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ACCEDE TO THEIR REQUEST SINCE THEIR MANNER OF APPROACH IS HIGHLY IRREGULAR AND AMOUNTS TO INVITING FOREIGN INTER-FERENCE IN PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

7. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OTHER MISSIONS HERE, WE DECIDED THAT WHILE IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY TO RECEIVE THE UDF DELEGATION, SIMPLE COURTESY DEMANDED THAT THEY BE MET BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER AND THEIR DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY HIM.

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